

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The present application is a divisional of co-pending parent U.S. application serial No. 10/093,933. In that parent application claims 7-10 were withdrawn and cancelled as directed to a non-elected invention.

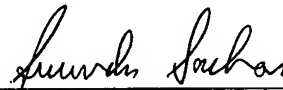
The present new divisional application is submitted to further prosecute those withdrawn and cancelled claims 7-10 from the parent of the present application. Thus, by the present preliminary amendment claims 1-6 and 11-19 are cancelled so that claims 7-10 are pending.

The present Preliminary Amendment also amends the specification to reflect the status of the present divisional application.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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